

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 10, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-7 are currently pending. No amendment has been made at this time.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,781,990 to Seidler et al. ("Seidler") and Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidler in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,267,385 to Okamoto et al. ("Okamoto"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the following reason(s).

Claim 1 recites a process for mounting a plurality of parts to a cable including, among other features or steps, marking the cable with information for mounting each of the parts, the information including mounted positions of each of the parts on the cable, and mounting the parts at the mounted positions marked on the cable, and thereafter mounting each of the parts on the cable at a corresponding mounted position marked on the cable.

Seidler relates to a method and device for making a ready-for-use cable that is tied to a sequence of interconnected cables. As described in the Abstract, to produce the sequence of interconnected cables, their insulation is stripped off between the cables, and the cable future break points are semi-welded by ultrasonic waves and notched so that they can be easily separated from each other by bending rupture joints formed at the notched step. The terminal location names are marked adjacent the future break points. The cable is then wound on a reel until needed for

assembly. The cable sequence matches the wiring sequence of an apparatus to be later wired. In addition, the insulating can be designed as a collar or bead at the ends of the cable.

The Office Action asserted that col. 6, lines 18-23 of Seidler teaches using an ink jet printer 17 to make markings 18 and the markings indicates the point to which the cable 2 is to be connected or the terminals of switchgear to which the cable 2 is to be connected to. The Office Action also asserted that Figs. 4a-4e of Seidler teaches mounting parts on the cable 2. This statement is clearly erroneous in that the Figures merely show the boxes that the cables are connected between. Nothing is mounted on any of the cable pieces. Further, the Office Action asserted that in Seidler, the marking is carried out at a step of cutting the cable into a predetermined length, as recited in Claim 3. This also is clearly erroneous in that there is no teaching in Seidler of cutting the cable into a predetermined length. Rather, cable is crimped or notched so that it can later during assembly be broken easily into predetermined lengths.

Further, it is noted that Seidler's cable is used in a different field and for different purpose, therefore, the marking does not include "mounting position" for an object to be mounted on the cable intermediate between opposite longitudinal ends of the cable as recited in Claim 1. Further, the marking in Seidler is not carried out at a step of cutting the cable into a predetermined length, as recited in Claim 3, because before making the marking, the peel-off part of cable 2, i.e., insulation 7, is

compressed by an ultrasonic wave to form a rupture joint 16, and thereafter wound on a reel until use.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4 and 6-7 are not anticipated by Seidler and are allowable over Seidler based on the distinguishable differences as described above.

With respect to Claims 4-5, Okamoto does not cure the basic deficiencies of Seidler as noted above. Consequently, Claims 4 and 5 that depend from Claim 1 are allowable over Seidler in view of Okamoto for reasons stated above and at least due to their dependency from allowable independent claim.

CONCLUSION

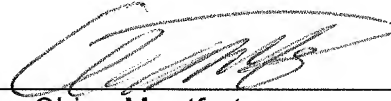
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 1-7, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this

paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107348.00358.**

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